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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER SON-1994/KOI Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Application No. 2853 January 16, 2002 L. Nguyen 09/936,943 Applicant(s): Yuji YAKURA, et al. METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET Invention: **PRINTER** TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Extra Claims After Previously <u>Am</u>endment Present Rate Pald 0.00 **Total Claims** 36 36 Independent 0.00 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 18-0013 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge Iny additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: May 2, 2003 Romald P. Kananen Artorney Reg. No.: 24,104 RAÐER, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC Lion Building 1233 20th Street N.W., Suite 501 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 955-3750 Customer No. 23353

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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 512 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2853**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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METHOD FOR DRIVING RECORDING HEAD, RECORDING HEAD AND INK JET PRINTER

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In response to the final Official Action mailed on February 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a markedup version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

4. (Twice Amended) A recording head having a plurality of heating elements as driving elements for ejecting ink droplets from a plurality of nozzles, the plurality of heating elements being arranged in a direction substantially perpendicular to the direction of carrying a carried recording medium, the recording head comprising:

time-division driving means for dividing the plurality of heating elements into a plurality of blocks, each block consisting of a predetermined number of spatially arranged heating elements of the plurality of heating elements corresponding to the